

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HIGH YIELDING VARIETY OF PADDY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether paddy crops in nearly 30,000 acres in Kanya-kumari has been affected by pest attack at the flowering stage;
- (b) whether even the straws will not be useful as fodder due to repeated spray of pesticides;
- (c) if so, the action taken to prevent loss of paddy crop and to have alternate high yielding variety of paddy; and
- (d) the relief measures taken to mitigate the sufferings of farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Tamil Nadu Government has reported that an area of 646.67 hectare in Kanyakumari District is estimated to be affected due to rice tungro virus disease transmitted by green leaf hopper. Pesticides, if used in recommended doses will not have any residue in paddy straw and therefore the same can be used as cattle feed.

(c) & (d): Following are the action taken:

(i). Integrated Pest Management (IPM) which inter alia comprises of cultural, mechanical and biological control and need based use of pesticides with emphasis on use of bio-pesticides is being promoted among the farmers.

(ii). Farmers are being trained to adopt Integrated Pest Management practices in paddy.

(iii). Farmers are being advised to use tungro resistant varieties viz. Vikramarya and Nidhi in the affected area.

(iv). State Government is taking necessary steps to mitigate the sufferings of farmers.